

The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
September 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted September 17, 2014, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman
Dr. James Patterson
Dr. Jim Lockett
Melanie Abner, Secretary

Occupations and Professions Staff Present

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

Others Present

Jeremy Reed, Assistant Attorney General
Byron Brentlinger, Board Investigator
Tara Coleman, Wal-Mart Vision Center

Members Absent

Dorothy Newberry

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Lane swore in new Board member Dr. James Patterson who will be representing the Licensed Medical Physicians.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 16, 2014 meeting. Dr. Patterson seconded that motion and it carried.

Review of Financial Statements

The Board reviewed their financial statements from the months of July and August 2014.

O&P Report

Ms. Lane reported the new online license renewal/database project has begun and the office continues to work with the Commonwealth Office of Technology to make sure that everything is running smoothly. This is the busiest time of year for the office with Board renewing so we ask for patience as we learn this new system with the licensees.

The office is currently hiring for a Board Administrator position as well as an Administrative Specialist II that will be in the Operations Section. The office hopes to fill these vacancies as quickly as possible.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Reed had nothing new to report at this meeting. He did prepare two final orders for Mr. Smith to sign and asked Ms. Lane to please distribute those to the appropriate people so that those cases may be closed out once signed by the Chairman.

The Board discussed an issue that has come up regarding a licensee that has a recent criminal conviction. Dr. Lockett made a motion for Mr. Reed to prepare something to be sent to this licensee by the next meeting for the Board to review further. Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried.

Ophthalmic Inspector Report

Mr. Brentlinger reported he made several site visits including a meeting with the company that puts together the weekend show called Scare Fest at Rupp Arena each year. Since Halloween is a popular time for vendors to attempt to sell colored contacts to the public, Mr. Brentlinger wanted the company to know that those sales are illegal and the contacts can cause severe damage to the person wearing them. The company explained they were unaware of the dangers and the fact that they are illegal to sell without a prescription and assured Mr. Brentlinger that they would not allow their vendors to sell those.

Mr. Brentlinger also visited a store where there is currently some question as to whether or not the person working daily for this operation should be licensed since the business is owned by Doctors as well as the multi floor building. Ms. Abner made a motion to look further into this situation and discuss again in the November meeting. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Mr. Brentlinger found the following businesses to be in compliance; Sam's Club in Elizabethtown, Wal-Mart Vision Center in Elizabethtown, Sears Optical in Bowling Green, Wal-Mart Vision Center in Bowling Green, and Lenscrafters in Bowling Green.

Licensure Status Report

Ms. Lane reported there are currently 224 Active Apprentice Licensees, 603 Ophthalmic Dispensers, and 119 Inactive Ophthalmic Dispensers.

Approval of Apprentice Applications

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following Apprentice Applications:

1. Sharon Floyd – Sam's Club, Nicholasville, KY
2. Angela Chachoff – Lenscrafters, Florence, KY
3. Lindsey Raymer – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
4. Rebecca Farley – Eye Care Associates of KY, Benton, KY
5. Ashley Crawford – Pearle Vision, Lexington, KY
6. Jamie King – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
7. Jeffrey Tye – Lenscrafters, Florence, KY
8. Brittany-Ann Wick – Korrekt Optical, Louisville, KY
9. Ella Trivett – McPeak Vision Partners, Glasgow, KY
10. Amanda Kuntz – Costco Wholesale, Louisville, KY

11. Jessica Due – America’s Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, Florence, KY
12. Matthew Greenwell – Vision Works, Bowling Green, KY
13. Catherine Vlahos – Luxottica, Mason, OH
14. Caitlin Thomas – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
15. Brittany Halcomb – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
16. Taylor Titus – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
17. Benjamin Ball – Multicare Eye Clinic, Madisonville, KY
18. Stephanie Walters – Mando’s Optical, Crestview Hills, KY
19. Stacy Major – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
20. Daniel Casillas, Lenscrafters, Lexington, KY

Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Approval of Practical Exam Applications

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following Applications for Practical Examination

1. Stephanie Seymour – Wing Eyecare, Florence, KY
2. Ronald Thomas – America’s Best Contact & Eyeglasses, Clarksville, IN
3. Janet Vickers – Eye Health Specialists, Waynesburg, KY
4. Anna Farar – Eye Glass World, Lexington, KY
5. Jolene Workman – Sam’s Club, Louisville, KY
6. Kristy Thompson – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Bowling Green, KY
7. Penny DeMastes – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Shelbyville, KY
8. Gregory Elliott – Wal-Mart Vision Center, South Williamson, KY

Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Additional Business

Mr. Smith reported that the NCSORB had their Annual Meeting in Nashville. Several items were addressed including improving the scoring on the National Practical to better explain the areas that need to be worked on by licensees that are unsuccessful in their attempt at the exam. Mr. Smith will continue to update the Board on its progress.

The Board received an anonymous letter from a group claiming they are concerned about the National Practical and its pass/fail rate. The Board discussed the concerns that the group lists but also acknowledged that when a letter is sent anonymously that there is no way to address these issues directly with them.

The Board received material from the National Academy of Opticianry and asked that the Board take a look at their information and make a decision on if they would accept their participants as Opticians once they finished the program. The Board thought they had great curriculum and said while they accept their course work it is not a requirement in the state of Kentucky.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve travel and per diem for members that attended today's meeting. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

Adjournment

Ms. Abner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17am. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Granville Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Granville Smith, Chairman